

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 5 through line 13 with the following rewritten paragraph.

a thermoplastic elastomer composition, comprising an ethylene-propylene-nonconjugated diene ternary copolymer or an ethylene-propylene binary copolymer, a crystalline polyolefin resin, a non-aromatic softening agent, and an organic peroxide, is characterized in that the crystalline polyolefin resin has from 0.1 g/10 min. to 100 g/10 min. of melt flow rate which is measured in accordance with ASTM D1238 and ISO 1133 (corresponding to JIS K7210) under conditions of 230°C and 21.18 N and is contained in an amount of from 10 to 150 parts by weight every 100 parts by weight of the copolymer;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 25 through line 26 with the following rewritten paragraph.

Preferably, compression set measured in accordance with ASTM D395 and ISO 815 (corresponding to JIS K6262) after 168 hours of standing time at 100°C is 50% or less.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 23 through page 9, line 13 with the following rewritten paragraph.

The gasket 30 is composed of a thermoplastic elastomer composition, which comprises,

a material A: an ethylene-propylene-nonconjugated diene ternary copolymer or an ethylene-propylene binary copolymer;

a material B: a crystalline polyolefin resin having a melt flow rate (MFR) (in accordance with ASTM D1238 and ISO 1133 corresponding to JIS K7210; 230°C, 2.16 kg load (21.18 N)) of from 0.1 g/10 min. to 100 g/10 min;

a material C: a non-aromatic softening agent having a kinetic viscosity at 40°C of 300 mm<sup>2</sup>/s or more; and

a material D: an organic peroxide and which contains, based on 100 parts by weight of the material A,

from 10 to 150 parts by weight, preferably 100 parts by weight of the material B,

from 20 to 150 parts by weight of the material C, and

from 0.1 to 10 parts by weight of the material D,

and which is partially cross-linked and is adjusted to have a hardness of from 30 to 70 degrees (in accordance with ASTM D2240 and ISO 7619 corresponding to JIS K6253; type A durometer).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 1 through line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph.

Among such copolymers, a copolymer in which the MFR (in accordance with ASTM D1238 and ISO 1133 corresponding to JIS K7210; 230°C; and 2.16 kg load (21.18 N)) is from 0.1 g/10 min. to 100 g/10 min. and the crystallinity is from 20 to 70% is preferable.